

fact, the Congressional Budget Office recently predicted that a 10-year reauthorization of CHIP would actually save the Federal Government \$6 billion. It turns out preventing illness not only saves lives, it saves money.

There is no excuse for leaving CHIP unfunded. Working families like David and Jacob's family need to know that they will have health care when their kids need it. David and Jacob are children whose lives are at stake, but there are millions more like them in Oregon and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, David and Jacob deserve better. All of our Nation's children deserve better. It is that simple, and we must not let them down.

#### SUPPORTING THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FITZPATRICK). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, on Friday thousands of people from all across America will come to Washington to march in support of the dignity and equal protection of every God-given human life in this great land. It is in that spirit that I rise to join my colleagues in supporting H.R. 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This bill ensures that, if a baby survives a failed abortion, that baby must be given the same medical care as a baby born under any circumstances.

In a moral society, the strong have a responsibility to protect the weak. It is a stain on the moral fabric of our Nation that some lives are deemed less worthy than others with respect to protection.

America is a city on a hill whose light shines bright for all the world to see. That light is dimmed, however, as long as the dark practice of leaving a baby to die continues.

It is my hope that even those who believe in abortion can recognize that a baby who survives a botched abortion should be afforded the same protections that you and I are.

This week, we celebrate not only the March for Life, we also celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. In his day, Martin Luther King, Jr., worked tirelessly, in the face of enormous adversity and personal risk to himself and his family, to help all of us as Americans live up to the highest of our American ideals: the self-evident truth that all men are created equal.

Through his work, King helped our Nation better realize its charter for forming a more perfect Union. Mr. Speaker, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act builds on King's legacy by ensuring that the unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are protected for everyone, especially for those whose voices have been silenced.

Passing this legislation would restore some of our Nation's light that has

been lost and make our Nation a more perfect Union than it was yesterday. That, after all, is our job.

In the words of the great American hero, Martin Luther King, Jr.: "It is always the right time to do the right thing."

Let's do the right thing, and let's protect these helpless little babies.

RECOGNIZING SOPHIA CAMPA-PETERS

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of representing one of the most courageous little girls in all the world, Sophia Campa-Peters. She may be a little girl, little in stature, but there is nothing small about Sophia's heart and her courage.

She has suffered, for the last 3 years, with a rare disease that has caused her to have multiple strokes, and she is now facing the biggest challenge in her journey, major brain surgery.

God says: "Come to Me as little children." Sophia represents the faith of a child like nobody I have encountered since I have been in this office, and she requested that I help her rally the world to pray on January 24 that, while she is having that surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, we would encourage people and implore people to pray for her.

I was delighted and honored to join her and many others in asking folks to take a knee and appeal to the Great Physician to protect her, to heal her, and to make provision for her to have a strong, healthy, and happy life for many, many years to come.

What a testament to her faith in God and the power of prayer. What a testament of someone who, in the face of trial and tribulation, would choose hope, would choose to believe, would choose to dream that her best days are ahead of her.

Thanks, Sophie. Thank you for your faith. Thank you for your testimony. Thank you for your courage. And most of all, thank you for teaching us that every day is an opportunity, every day is a gift from God.

Sophia, we are rallying the world for you. We will pray for you, and we will appeal to Almighty God on your behalf.

God bless her. God bless her family.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COMER) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask Your special blessing upon the Members of this people's House. They face difficult decisions in difficult times, with many forces and interests demanding their attention. In these days, give them wisdom that they might execute their responsibilities to the benefit of all Americans.

Give, as well, on this day, acknowledging religious freedom in our land, confidence to all people who are concerned about the issues most pressing in our Nation at this time.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SMITH of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TIBERI), the whole number of the House is 431.

#### SOARING STOCKS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)